

Mistorical Souvenir Local Methodism

Containing an account of the Early History of the Society in this District

A list of the Pastors and Officials of the Church and Circuit and the Societies from the earliest time until the present date so far as available Records will permit.

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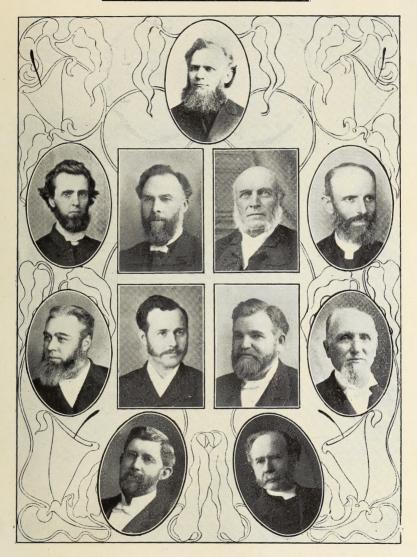
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FORMER PASTORS

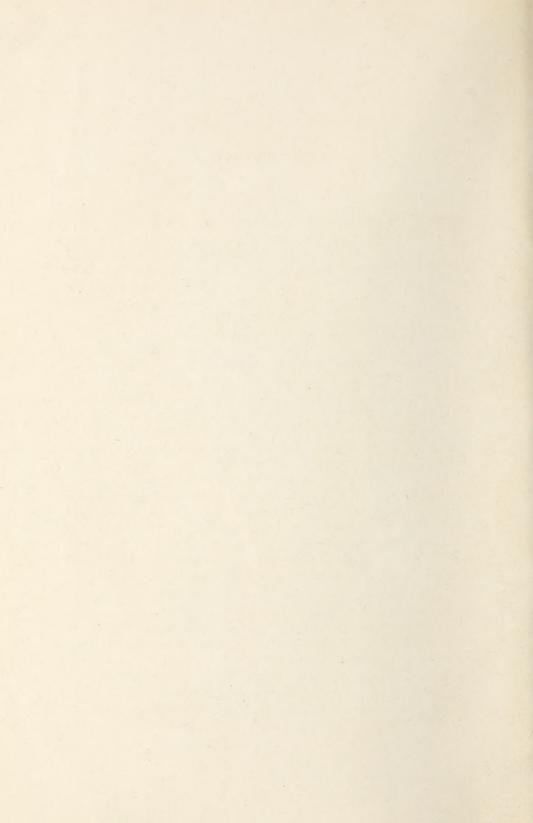


Top—Rev. Geo. M. Meachem, D. D., '74-75.

Second Row (reading from left)—Rev. I. B. Howard, '76; Rev. James Shannon, D. D., '77-79; Rev. James Graham, '80-'82; Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, '83-'85.

Third Row—Rev. J. S. Ross. B. A., B. D., '86-'87; Rev. S. Cleaver, M. A., '88-'90; Rev. John Kay, '91-'93; Rev. John Wakefield, D. D., '94-'98.

BOTTOM ROW-Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, D. D., '99-'1900; Rev. S. Sellery, M. A., B. D., '01-'05,



INTRODUCTORY.





HE late Paul Blouet (Max O'Rell) said that when John Bull wished to found a new colony he first builded a church and behind it placed a cricket ground, and that everything else followed in course of time. The reference to the cricket ground is perhaps limited in its application to Canada, but certain it is that

when the pioneer blazed the pathway through the virgin forest and with his few and scattered neighbors erected the simple homes of the period, the chapel and class were amongst the first institutions of the new land, and so the history of the early church is inseperably linked with the records of the commonwealth. One cannot write of the history of Upper Canada without detailing in some measure the history of that body once known as the society of people called Methodists, then a mere handful of earnest Christian people, now the first denomination of the Dominion in point of numbers, wealth and influence. The influence of the Methodist body upon the life of the peoples of Upper and Lower Canada in early days constituted one of the most potent forces in the development of the character of the Canadian nation, and the history of its work is a story of privations and trials, of struggles and triumphs; rich in historic interest and incident and forming a chapter in the annals of Canada, which may well engage the best efforts of the future historian of our country.

No other town and county in Western Ontario can compare with Dundas and Wentworth in point of historic associations connected with the Methodist church. One of the oldest settlements in Upper Canada, its connection with the church founded by John Wesley dates back to the earliest period of Methodist missionary effort. Next year will witness the 110th anniversary of the formation of the first Methodist class in Western Ontario, at the Head of the Lake (in that section now known as the Bowman Church). Nearly a century ago the first ministers of the Metho-

dist Episcopal church commenced operations in Ancaster, and ministered to the wants of the Methodist people of Dundas who were numbered amongst the first settlers of this town. From that day on there has been an unbroken record of the clergy in the Ancaster district. The churches in this district were instituted by the American Methodist Episcopal organization, and from 1810 until 1824 all of this section of the Province was under the government of the Genesee Conference of New York state. During this time was erected in the township of West Flamboro (in which the village of Coote's Paradise, or Dundas, was situated) the first Methodist church of these parts, and what is now the oldest church building of our denomination in Western Ontario, namely, the Rock Chapel Methodist church, where many of the Methodists of olden days in and around Dundas met to worship, and within whose walls were assembled those families, some of whom, like the Keageys, Rymals, Ryckmans, Mordens, etc., have done much for the church society in this town. From 1824 to 1828 the Canada Conference was in operation, and then followed the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, separate from the U. S., with Wm. Case as the general Superintendent. Case was one of the great figures of the church in early days and doubtless labored here at the time. In 1833 the former body united with the British Weslevans, under the title of "The Weslevan Methodist Church." A year or two later some disentients formed the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, which for many years carried on its work and numbered among its ministers some of the leading lights of Methodism, including Rev. Dr. Carman, called Bishop Carman, now the general Superintendent. The Methodist New Connexion Branch was also very strong hereabouts in early days. 1874 witnessed the general union, under which all the Methodist bodies have labored in harmony and usefulness for these many years.

IN EARLY DAYS.



From the opening years of the last century until 1835 all of this district was in the Ancaster circuit, which was a very large one, and the list of the circuit ministers contains some of the historic names of Methodism—Case, Culp, the Ryersons, etc. The first services in town were held in the old Union church on North steeet, on the spot where now stands the barns of the David Watson property. This church was built in the infancy of the town and used by all denominations.

In 1830 the Dundas Methodists built their first chapel, as it was then called, on Ogilvie street, and it was the first Protestant church built in town. It proved to be too small, and in 1832 an addition was erected to accommodate the congregation. The membership was about 170, which was decreased somewhat by the terrible cholera epidemic which raged throughout that year. At this time the church was lighted with tallow candles and a little later with oil, which emitted such a quantity of thick smoke that at the end of the service it was almost impossible to see your neighbor across the church. The following extract from the recollections of one of the members of that time (written some 20 years ago) affords a view of the historic days of Methodism:

"The Puritanical severity of dress and customs was at this time strictly adhered to. No one was allowed to wear hair on the face, and the utmost plainness in wearing apparel was the rule. It was considered wrong to wear any but sharply pointed shoes, the blunt or square toed article being looked upon as the height of worldly folly."

In 1835 Dundas and district was included in the Hamilton circuit, and the ministers had charge of the services here. In 1843 Dundas was made a separate circuit, and included in its list of appointments Rock Chapel, West Flamboro, the Brock Road class and meeting house, Jerseyville, Zion Hill and other appoint-

ments for preaching or meeting places of classes. The membership was 462. The circuit was in existence until 1873-74, when Dundas became a separate station, witl: 181 members. In 1854 the Ogilvie street church was sold and the new church built, the old place being used for many years by the Sons of Temperance, afterwards as the first S. A. barracks. It stood where now stands the residences of Miss Stong and Peter Laing.



PRESENT CHURCH IN ORIGINAL FORM.

EARLY HISTORY.

The records of Dundas Circuit from the time of its formation, on the 20th of June, 1843, until May, 1874, are still in existence, and this book, which is a record of the business transacted by the Quarterly Board, the chief governing body of all Methodist congregations, gives much interesting information to the people of the present day. The minutes of the Trustee Board of the Dundas church, from the 22nd of November, 1852, until the present time have also been preserved intact, but many of the early records of the Sabbath School are unfortunately lost.

Many changes have taken place since these old days, and the character of the church has changed with the times. The circuit rider has gone and the class meetings do not now form the conspicuous feature of the church's life as they once did. That noble animal, the horse, figured very prominently in the financial statements of the circuit stewards, and the annual estimates always included a sum for the keep of the quadrupeds used by the superintendent and his assistant in the ministry. Once we find a payment to James Chegwin for "new tires on the young min-



INTERIOR OF CHURCH BEFORE IMPROVEMENT.

ister's cutter." Receipts appear from Hiram King for many years for rent of the parsonage, and from W. F. Laidlaw and A. F. Begue, collectors of taxes for the town. The chief business of the Quarterly Board was the examination and licensing of exhorters and local preachers, and the consideration of that bogey of all churches in early days, "the deficit." Sometimes the deficiency was made up by a pro rata assessment of the members of the Board, but this at times became too great a burden. The receipts for the circuit ran from £39 to about £70, but more often nearer the former than the latter figure. The years of '52, '53 and '54 witness an upward tendency in the cash income, which no doubt was received by the officials with fervent gratitude.

Sometimes the "quarterage" was not sufficient to pay all the salary due the circuit ministers, and provisions were collected from the different appointments so that the bodily, as well as the spiritual, wants of the pastors should receive due attention. Whether these early officials subscribed to the Pauline doctrine in reference to women in the church or not is not known, but only once in the thirty years of minutes is a woman named in an official capacity. This was in connection with the gathering of provisions in '49, when "Sister J. Lions (Lyons) was appointed to collect for Lions' Chapel" in the Methodist appointment in place of which is the present Plains church.

The collection for Dundas for one quarter of 1846 was £2, 11 shillings and 11 and one-half pence. This will afford interest to those who wish to compare it with present day receipts. In 1856 Dundas gave for the year £147, 15 shillings and 9 pence. Nine years later the Dundas congregation contributed from classes, special collections and subscriptions a total of \$579.82. In this year the salary paid to the Rev. K. Creighton was \$202.99, and to Rev. G. Burson \$180. In 1843 the total receipts from the fourteen classes of the Dundas circuit was £26, 6 shillings and 11 and one-half pence. The largest contribution from a class was £3, 3s. 9d., the lowest 17s. 6d. The president's salary was £1 7-9. The quarterly meetings were held at each of the appointments in regular order.

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APPOINTMENTS AND CLASSES OF DUNDAS CIRCUIT -1843 TO 1874.

Jerseyville, Zion Hill, West Flamboro, Brock Road, Waterdown, Lyons', Rock Chapel, Greensville, Copper Hill, Eaton's Settlement and Aikman's.

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PHINISTERS IN CHARGE OF THE CIRCUIT AND CHURCH FROM 1835 to 1905.

1835 to 1843 in the Hamilton Circuit:

1835—William Ryerson, Edmund Shepherd, Samuel Rose.

1836—William Ryerson, Joseph Messmore, Samuel Rose.

1837—Richard Jones, Alex. McNab, Wellington Jeffers.

1838-John C. Davidson.

1839—John C. Davidson, Peter Ker, William Coleman.

1840-J. G. Manley, Hugh Montgomery, J. Wilkinson, Alex. Mc-Nab, George R. Sanderson. 1841—Alex. McNab, Sam C. Philp, Isaac B. Howard. 1842—James Musgrave, Wm. Philp and Wm. Price. 1843—Anson Green and Lachlan Taylor.

1843 to 1873-Dundas Circuit.

1843—James Spencer, William Philp. 1844—James Spencer, William Coleman. 1845—Edmund Shepherd, Ephraim B. Harper.



OUR PRESENT PASTOR.

1846—Wellington Jeffers, Joseph E. Ryerson.

1847—Samuel Rose, Kennedy Creighton.

1848—Samuel Rose, Alex. T. Green,

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1850—John Gemley, Joseph Hugill.

1851—John Gemley, Thomas Stobbs.

1852—Isaac B. Howard, Thomas Stobbs.

1853—Isaac B. Howard, Joel Briggs.

1854—Isaac B. Howard, James Harris.

1855—George Goodson, Edward H. Dewart.

1856—Samuel Rose, James Goodwin.

1857—Samuel Rose, James Morgan.

1858—Samuel Rose, Jonathan E. Betts. 1859—Richard Jones, William J. Hunter. 1860-Richard Jones, Henry Bartlett, James D. Ogilvie.

1861—Richard Jones, Edmund S. Rupert, B.A.

1862—Richard Whiting, John Philp, B.A. 1863—Richard Whiting, John Philp, B.A.

1864—Kennedy Creighton, George Burson.

1865—Kennedy Creighton, George H. Bridgman, B.A.

1866—Henry F. Bland, George Rogers.

1867—Henry F. Bland, Donald G. Sutherland, M.A.

1868—Henry F. Bland, Charles A. Hanson.

1869—Wm. H. Laird, Thomas Colling.

1870—Wm. H. Laird, Robt. Davey.

1871—James Preston, William J. Ford.

1872—James Preston, John Semmens.

1873—James Preston, John E. Lanceley.

1874 to 1905—Dundas Station:

1874-75—Rev. Geo. M. Meachem, D.D.

1876—Rev. I. B. Howard.

1877-79—Rev. James Hannon, D.D.

1880-1882—Rev. James Graham.

1883-85—Rev. Richard W. Woodsworth.

1886-87—Rev. James S. Ross, B.A., B.D.

1888-90—Rev. Solomon Cleaver, M.A.

1891-93—Rev. John Kay.

1894-98—Rev. John Wakefield, D.D.

1899-1900—Rev. J. H. Hazelwood, D.D.

1901-05—Rev. S. Sellery, M.A., B.D.

1905—Rev. T. J. Mansell.



THE CLASS MEETING.

The class meeting was the distinguishing and peculiar feature of early Methodism and exerted a powerful influence. The rules of membership were strict and the discipline in some cases would to-day be thought severe. Each member had a class ticket, and such were not given unless the person was recommended by a leader with whom they have met at least six months on trial. A Fast was to be observed on the Friday preceding the quarterly meeting. The state of mind of each member was required to be entered in the book, whether penitent, doubtful, sanctified or justified. One brother who had been absent from class for over eight meetings was, upon his return, marked doubtful, which does not seem inappropriate, considering his indifference for such a long time. In Geo. R. Davidson's class in '55-'56 appear the following names: John Campbell, Priscilla Hopkins, D. W. Hop-

kins, John Keagey, Sr., John Keagey, Jr., Mary Keagey, Abraham Keagey, Ann Keagey, Elizabeth Keagey, John Jones, John McAffer, Griffith Williams, David Sykes, Margaret McGorman, Alice Sykes, Jas. Brown (baker), Adelia Struges, Elizabeth Hare, Isaac Kelley and Margaret Campbell.

In Geo. M. Howell's class book appears for 1844 a list of about 25 members, all but four being Howells. Among the Dundas members of these early days who still survive are Mrs. Joseph Moss, Miss Millward and W. H. Keagey. The following is a list of the class leaders of circuit and church from 1843 to date, with date of appointment where possible:

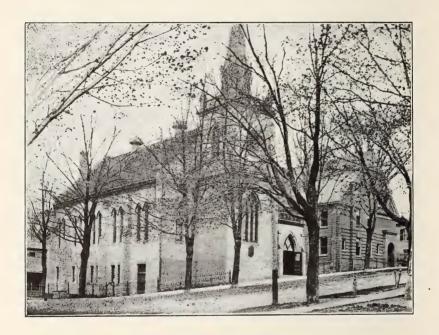
1843, Ben. Spencer, John Matthews, John Campbell, John Markle, John Warren Ryckman, Isaac L. Howell, James Bigelow, Mark T. Crooker, Thos. Morden, Wm. Fonger, David Rymal, Geo. Haines, Geo. M. Howell, James Echlin, John Bell, J. A. Markle, and Geo. Echlin. 1844, Mudge Richards (Jersevville), David Brown, Sam Carpenter, Jas. Vance. 1845-'46-'47, Jas. Craig, J. B. Green, O. Decker, Abner Rosebrug, Isaac Brock Green, Rich. Ford, Jos. A. Markle, Isaac Horning, Geo. Leavitt. Jos. Trewartha, S. H. Hopkins, and Jacob Markle. 1848-'50, Henry Kirkland, Robt. Campbell, John Hamilton. 1850-'52, E. Hopkins, Joseph Lyons, J. K. Griffin, J. Buntin. 1854-'56, E. Edmonds, N. H. Davis, Chas. Haselem, James Smith, John Neff, Jos. Horning, W. Bawtinhymer, Thos. Dunkin. 1857-'60, Henry Bingham, Geo. R. Davidson, I. Audette, A. Salter, John Hunt, Mrs. Nash, — Bullock, — Orr, Geo. Coulson. Levi Howell, '61. Jas. Galway and Geo. F. Burrows. '63. Peter Schwartz, '70. 1864-'65, Abraham Horning, J. H. Smith (Greensville), Jas. Ellis, Miss Grafton. Adam Bawtinheimer, '72. Sam Burrows, '71. which class existed until about a year ago, James Ham, Miss King, Mrs. Thos. Bradley, R. W. Karch, Mrs. T. W. Whalley, David Patterson.

Two of the leading classes of the early days were the Wednesday night class which was the leading class in 1855, and the Monday night class. The minister's class, on Tuesday night, was organized in 1883, and continued until the ministry of John Wakefield.

In the vestry is an interesting reminder of the early days of class meetings. It is a group photograph of the Wednesday evening class in the year 1869, taken by Wm. Powell. The leader of the class was James Smith, whose photo appears in the centre. The persons whose photos appear, reading from left to right, commencing at the top: 1, Miss Millward, Dundas. 2, Mrs. Geo. Moss. 3, Mrs. Frank Sweet. 4, Mrs. Hugh Moore, mother of Mrs. J. J. Crow. 5, Miss Nash. 6, Edward Freeborn, Sr. 7,

Wm. Brown. 8, Mrs. Ed. Freeborn. 9, Mrs. S. Burrows. 10, Mrs. Wm. Powell. Centre, James Smith. 11, Wm. Powell. 12. Miss Smith. 13, Jacob Schick. 14, Mrs. Wm. Passmore. 15, Mrs. Jas. Smith. 16, Mrs. Jacob Schick. 17, Miss Parmenter. 18, Mrs. Jos. Moss. 19, Job Barnwell. 20, Peter Burton. 21, Mrs. Revell.

Miss Millward, Mrs. S. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Jos. Moss, Peter Burton and Mrs. Jos. Revell are still residents here. The rest are dead. Mrs. James Turnbull is a daughter of the late Mr. James Smith.



THE PRESENT CHURCH.

In 1852 the Trustees decided to purchase from George Rolph the lot on which the church now stands. Rev. I. B. Howard, Ed. Lyons and Hugh Moore were appointed a committee to secure the deed from Mr. Rolph. Mr. Moore was appointed secretary-treasurer of the committee to secure subscriptions. Mr. Hodgins, of Hamilton, was engaged to prepare plans. and, on motion of Bros. Nash and Geo. Leavitt it was decided that the church be 44x68 feet, cost not to exceed £1,000. This was the first move and others followed, and changes had to be made in the plans of the Trustees.

On May 2nd, 1853, the Trustees met and received from George Rolph the deed of the church site. The price paid was £137, 10 shillings. £12, 10 shillings was paid down by Edward Lyons on behalf of the Board, and Mr. Lyons gave his note to Rolph for the balance. A reduction of £50 was eventually obtained. In this month the tenders per W. Hodgins, architect, of Hamilton, were received. The lowest was from Mr. Sheldrick and was for £1.850. but did not include pulpit and communion rail, as per plans. These figures were too much for the board and new plans were ordered, and a little later the second lot of tenders were opened, and again Mr. Sheldrick's tender was the lowest, but it was even higher than the last one. In August the Board took up the question of a new church again, and decided that it should be 45x66 feet this time, and "That the church be built in a plain style, of good, hard, burnt red brick, and that the cost of finishing the same shall not exceed the sum of £1,500 currency." Rev. Mr. Howard and Messrs. Lyons, Moore, Leavitt and Nash were appointed to procure plans, and in January of 1854 the plans were submitted and the tender of Jas. Freed, for the brick, and F. R. Hawkins, for carpentering, plastering, etc., were accepted. Freed's tender was £635 and Hawkins' £875. It was also decided a little later to erect a spire on the church. The work was to be finished by fall of 1855, but, as can be seen, the building was of white and not of red brick. The detailed statement of the cost of the building was discovered a few weeks ago in one of the old books. It contairs a separate statement by Rev. Edward H. Dewart that he has examined the accounts of Hugh Moore, which show expenditure as follows:

F. R. Hawkins James Freed Other parties	£663	15s.	4\frac{1}{3}d.
Total €	 1,669	7s.	 1d.

The receipts were £1,369.15.5, the balance due £299.11.9. having been paid by Mr. Moore for the Board. Extras after this date ran the total up to £1,700.



THE SPIRE.

The spire was not completed until some time after the church. The contractors were Philes & Davidson, their price being £151.10. The cost was defrayed by subscription, and the list of subscribers to the fund, with the amounts given, were as follows:

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George Leavitt	5	~
H. Moore (collected in Montreal)	$2\overline{5}$	
Levi Howell	1	
Wm. Harper		5
Mark Binkley	1	
Hugh Moore	50	
James Coleman	50	
Thos. Howe	5	
John Keagey, Jr.	6	5
Abner Rosebrugh	5	
P. B. Riley		5
Philip Bartlet		5
Wm. Boice	2	10
£	151	10
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Leaving a balance of £1.10 to the credit of the church. The contractors were paid in full in 1859.

The cost of building the church was defrayed by subscriptions, and the subscribers were not confined to the Methodists by any means. Rev. Ralph Leeming, the well known Anglican clergyman of that date subscribed £5. Patrick Boyle, of Dundas, who is still alive and a member of St. Augustine R. C. church was also one of the many generous citizens of other denominations who helped the Methodists in erecting a new church home. Among the papers of the late Hugh Moore has been found the original list of subscribers, which will prove interesting, especially to the older residents. It is as follows:

Messrs. Foster & Dixon at Bank of B. N. A., local Sons of Temperance, James Findlay, W. Borthwick, Jacob Binkley, John Hoffman, R. Miller, Wm. Binkley, John Matthews, Geo. Rolph, subscribers in New York, Wm. Shaver, G. G. Kitchen, Dennis Moore, Peter Hess, Henry Binkley, John Aikman, John Neff, B. and S. Overfield, Henry and Wm. Young, A. Nash, Mrs. Buckham, John Ware, Mrs. Hare, Sr., Geo. Leavitt, Jas. D. Hare, John Keagey, Jr., Ewart Estate, Solomon Mills, Mrs. Ben Spencer, J. M. Babington, Sam Hare, John M. Thornton, Wm. Elliot, Wm. Connor, James McBrier, John Buntan, Abraham Binkley, Aley Binkley, Geo. Binkley, P. Binkley, John Binkley, Cath. Binkley, Sarah Binkley, Mark Binkley, B. F. Lazier, Jos. Haines, John Gray, Thos. Davis, John Smith, Smith & Higanbotham, Guelph, Richard Bickel, Henry Durrant, Patrick Thornton, B. Vansickle, James Marten, Peter Howell, Rev. Ralph Leeming, Henry Markle, John Keagey, Sr., A. G. Hopkins, G. M. Howell, - Revel, - Mc-Phail, Capt. Sutherland, James Gage, Chris Camp, Thos. Dunkin, O. W. Ney, John Ashberry, Abner Whitney, J. B. Clarke, Wm.

Boice, John Moore, Brock Road, Abner Rosebrugh, J. R. Howell, - Bawtinhymer, Geo. F. Howell, John Glenon, R. Doidge, A. W. Ryckman, J. D. Morden, Rev. G. B. Howard, Andrew Graham, Jas. McIntyre, Jas. Watson, John Quarry, Abe Ryckman, John Pepper, James Harper, Mark T. Crooker, D. Rymal, John Graham. T. H. McKenzie, Wm. Hendry, Jos. Horning, Thos. Howe, Wm. Miller, Josh. Audette, Colin Logie, Rees Tunis, John Cummings, Jas. Lafferty, Henry Erb, E. Averill, Mrs. John Patterson, Dr. Jas. Hamilton, Sam Binkley, Levi C. Howell, R. Lottridge, Jesse Cooper, Philander Barton, Jas. Wood, Sr., Ben Reynolds, Jonathan Bowman, Geo. Rymal, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. B. F. Lazier, Murray McKay, John Fleming, Mrs. John Ryckman, Sam Aikman, John Goodenough, Wm. Tunis, Chas. Haslam, Sam Kirkendall, Wm. Clement, Isaac Horning, Robt. Holt, James Coleman, Ed. Jackson, O. Springer, Hugh Moore (£100), J. Patterson, G. H. Prentiss, John L. Smith, Harker Lyons, Hon. Robert Spence, O. R. Wells, Moses H. Howell, E. S. Thomas, Thos. Mountain, John Gahagan, D. C. Richmond, Ward Hopkins, John Hunt, Jas. Harper, Abselom Griffin, Peter Horning, Wm. B. Heimer (likely Wm. Bawtinheimer), John Tunis, N. H. Davis, Nelson Howell, Thomas Robertson, Wm. Passmore, Isaac Latschaw, Jas. Millman, Garrett Howell, W. S. Crooker, Wm. Howell, Patrick Boyle, - Parmenter, John Bamberger, Weaver Estate, David Smith, J. B. Grafton, Jacob Markle, Wm. Casey, John Ford, James Morden, John Nichol.

Among the persons mentioned as receiving payments for work and material on the new church are: R. Doidge, Daniel Fields, T. H. McKenzie, Joseph Revell, Pat. Megin, Thos. Kyle, B. Revell, John Moore, Samuel Heron, Geo. Revell John Ware, John Burns, James Paterson, McQuestien & Co., Daniel Cusick, John Gahagan, H. & R. Young, Peter Sinclair.

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THE TRUSTEE BOARD.

The following is a list of the members with year of appointment. Two of the most active trustees of the early days were John Keagey, Jr., father of W. H. Keagey, and John Ware. They were trustees of nearly all the present Methodist churches in the upper part of Wentworth at the time of their construction, and were two of the most active workers.

John Keagey, Jr.

John Ware.

1852-53—B. F. Lazier, Geo. Leavitt, Abner Rosebrugh.

1859—Abraham Keagey.

1859—Hugh Moore, resigned 1875.

1859—Edward Lyons, until death.

1859—Aaron Nash, resigned 1863.

1853—Thos. Howe, until death.

1860—John B. Keagey, secretary, until 1875.

1860—James Coleman, left town in 1874.

1860-D. W. Hopkins, resigned in 1875.

1863—John S. Grafton.

1874—Geo. F. Burrows, secretary, until death.

1874—J. B. Grafton.

1875-Wm. Binkley, until death in '84.

1875-W. H. Keagey.

1875—John Forsythe.

1875—W. A. Edwards, until 1884.

1875—E. S. Thomas.

Sept. 17, 1873—Andrew Forrest, Samuel Burrows, Geo. R. Davidson, Geo. Coote, D. W. Nelson, Wm. Powell. Mr. Coote left town in 1889. Messrs. Davidson and Forrest served until death removed them.

1884—James Ham.

1889—David Patterson.

W. E. Lyons, W. R. Horning (1897), Capt. J. J. Grafton, W. A. Davidson.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Organized in Feb., 1890.

The first President was Miss Burrows, and the first Secreta y was Lottie Chegwin. List of Presidents: 1890, T. W. Mountain, W. H. Moss, 1891-'92-'93-'94. Miss Rose Wakefield, 1895-'96. Miss King, 1897-'98. Geo. Hendry, 1899-1900. Jos. A. Thompson, 1901. P. H. Davidson, 1902. Mr. Chancey, 1903. W. R. Saunders, 1904-'05. Secretaries: Jessie Hendry (Mrs. Scott), Bella R. Forrest (Mrs. J. R. Patterson), Jas. R. Bowles, Mabel Olford, Ruth Forrest, C. F. Shields, W. H. Moss, W. E. Lyons, Ada Powell. John H. Auckland, Winnie M. Sellery, E. D. Pennington, P. H. Davidson. Prior to the foundation of the League there was formed on Dec. 22, 1886, the Methodist Young People's Literary Society. It existed until 1890. W. A. Davidson presided at the foundation of the society. The first officers were:

Hon. President, Rev. J. S. Ross; President, J. A. Hill; Vice-President, Lizzie Knowles; Secretary, E. Teichiman; Asst. Secretary, Fred. Moore; Treasurer, Bessie Coote; Organist, Minnie King; Critic, R. Orford. The Presidents from this time on were: Edward Teichiman, W. A. Davidson, Gussie Burrows.



THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Organized in 1833.

The first Superintendent was Benjamin Spencer, who had charge in 1833 and for some years after. In 1843 John Ware filled the office. Thos. Howe, Aaron Nash and Rev. Geo. Meacham also officiated for some years. Other Superintendents were: Geo. F. Burrows, W. H. Keagey, Thos. Clarke. In 1885 W. A. Davidson was elected and has held office ever since. In him the school has a model officer, and has become one of the most up-to-date and progressive schools in the conference. Secretaries: Chas. Lawry; A. E. Mountain, 1884-'86; Geo. Gower Brown, 1887; J. T. Burrows, 1887-'92; A. E. Gallway, 1893-'94; J. H. Bowman, 1895-1903; E. A. L. Clarke, 1903. Treasurers: Andrew Forrest, 1884-'95; W. E. Lyons, Mrs. W. E. Lyons and James Ham. Librarians: John Grafton, 1861; J. J. Grafton; J. W. Nelson, 1885; Thos. W.

Mountain, 1886-'98; Geo. Hendry, 1899-1900; John Auckland, 1900; John R. Murray, 1901 to date.

The school for many years was held in the basement of the new church. The present handsome structure was built in 1897, and is valued at \$5,500.

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THE CHOIR.

From 1830 to 1839 the singing in the Ogilvie St. Church was conducted by the versatile John Ware. In 1839 the first choir was organized with Mr. Richardson as leader. In 1854 Dr. Rosebrugh, father of Dr. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, was leader, and Mrs. Hugh Moore the leading soprano. Some of the members were: Miss Davis (now Mrs. John Fairgrieve), Miss Perry (afterwards Mrs. Baker), Miss Nash, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Alex Sutherland (formerly Miss Moore), Matthew Camp, Mr. Perry, James F. Quackenbush and James Wood, of Wood & Taylor. The key or pitch was given by Dr. Rosebrugh with an old-fashioned tuning fork. Mr. Jas. J. Crow played a flute with the choir, having commenced the ministry of music with the Ogilvie street choir on Dec. 29, 1854. When the new church was opened Mr. Nev was leader, and at the opening service most of the persons mentioned above were present in the choir, and in addition were: Miss E. A. Moore (Mrs. J. J. Crow), Miss Sarah Coleman (now Mrs. Lash, Toronto), Miss Ann Keagev, Ed. Coleman, Abraham Keagev, Hamilton Moore. The musical part was furnished by David Sykes, on his violin cello, and J.J. Crow, with the flute, playing selections from Handel. Other leaders were: Hamilton Moore, J. Fillmore Hopkins, D. W. Hopkins, L. A. Kennedy, Cyrus Birge. Rev. W. B. Chegwin, James Ham, F. P. Thornton, Arthur Stares. Dan Robinson, Miss Fraser.

Organists: 1868, Mrs. J. J. Crowe; 1874, Miss Preston; 1880, Thos. Clark, Miss Clarke; 1881-'82, Miss Mary J. Keagey, M.E.L.; 1884-'89, Mrs. Oliver, A. Horning; 1889, Miss Annie Chegwin, Mrs. Geo. Pilgrim, Mr. Chris. Laugher.

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THE CHURCH ORGAN AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

The first church musical instrument of which there is any record was a Prince melodion. After this a small cabinet organ was purchased, and it was followed by a four-stop organ, purchased from the late Wm. Notman, M.P. This leads us up till 1875, when the present organ was purchased from Hook & Hastings

Co., of Boston, Mass. It is style No. 6 of that firm's make. The old organ was disposed of to Mr. J. J. Crowe for \$25. At this time, 1875, the choir and organ were located in the gallery at the east end of the church. When the new organ was purchased considerable alterations had to be made in the west end of the church, costing about \$900, the work being done by Jos. Black, Palmer & Hickey, Jas. Blackwell and J. Kerwin. The splendid new instrument was received and paced in position about August or September, 1875, and is still in use. For some time after the officials were in receipt of applications from



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persons desiring to use the new organ for practice. Had all these requests been granted the church would have been more like a college of music than a place of worship, and the trustees had to restrict the privilege to members of their own church and congregation.

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An inventory of the Steward's property in the parsonage in 1852 shows 5 tables, 5 stoves (good, bad and indifferent), 6 rush bottom and 12 other kind of chairs, wash stand, sofa and cupboard, and one "comon chery beaureau."

In 1863, monster tea meeting held at Zion Hill to pay for parsonage furniture. Tickets 37½ cents each. Great success.

Several bazaars were held after opening of pr sent church to raise funds. At one \$306 was taken in and at another £193, 15 shillings. Pew sittings were sold by auction.

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AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

The following members or adherents at the opening of the church in 1855 are still alive: Mrs. T. B. Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grafton, Mr. W. H. Keagey, Mrs. John Fisher, Miss Millward, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crowe, Mrs. J. P. Billington, Jas. Chegwin and Mrs. Sam. Burrows.

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OUR WORKERS ABROAD.

Sunday School Members called to be Ministers or Missionaries.

1887-Miss Anna E. Whitfield-Liberia, Africa.

1888—W. B. Chegwin—Manitoba and N. W. Conference.

1888-E. J. Chegwin-Manitoba and N. W. Conference.

1889-J. G. Dingle-North Dakota.

1889—R Calvert—Hamilton Conference.

1890-R. G. Martin-Manitoba and N. W. Conference.

1890—J. R. Patterson—Hamilton Conference.

1893-J. Fred. Kay-Hamilton Conference.

1894—Christian Borup—India.

1895—E. G. Judd—Kentucky.

1897—T. E. Garry—Entered into rest, Sept. 8, 1901.

1898—A. E. Galway—Manitoba and N. W. Conference.

1900—Miss Fanny Forrest—West China.

1901—Mr. and Mrs. David McKee—India.

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SOME NOTES ON THE MINISTERS OF THIS DISTRICT.

Rev. James Spencer, M.A., 1st Circuit Superintendent was ordained in '42, while tutor at Victoria University. Editor of Guardian and representative to English Wesleyan Conference. Died Oct. 9, 1863.

Rev. Edmund Stoney Rupert, M.A., received on trial at Cobourg U. V. C., 1860, came to Dundas in following year; ordained at Beaverton in '64; graduate of Victoria University; married to Elizabeth Keagey, of West Flamboro, sister of W. H. Keagey.

Edward Bradshaw Ryckman, M.A., one of the most prominent of the Methodist clerics, and a member of a family which was intimately connected with the early history of Wentworth. Born in West Flamboro. Ordained in '58 at Montreal East. Graduate of Victoria B.A. '55 valedictorian. M.A. 1868. Journal Secretary of conference 1867-71. Governor of the Dundas Collegiate Institute (Wesleyan) in 1873.

William Henry Laird. Ordained at Glanford in '59. Stationed at Waterdown in '63-'64.

Edward Hartley Dewart, the editor of the Guardian for so many years, was ordained while at Dundas in 1855. Rev. Alex. Green was also ordained here, in '49, as was Rev. E. B. Harner. M.A., in '45. Rev. Thos. Colling's name can also be added to the above list.

Rev. Kennedy Creighton, like Rev. John Kay, came from the Methodist New Connexion branch, of which he was Conference Secretary. He was here twice. While here his daughter was one of the party of three who were drowned in the canal, the others being Edwin and Carrie Coleman. Rev. Joel Briggs married a Miss Nash, of Dundas. Rev. James Harris wedded a daughter of the late Peter Howell, of Jerseyville, a prominent Methodist and father of Mrs. Geo. R. Davidson. John Philp married a sister of J. B. Grafton. Rev. Robt. Davey married a daughter of the late Peter Schwartz, a leading Methodist of the earlier days. Rev. John Semmens married a daughter of Nelson Behimer, of Dundas. Went to Norway House, Hudson Bay Territory, in '72.

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THE STEWARDS.

A list of the stewards, with date of appointment, of the Quarterly Board of church and circuit from 1843 to date: 1843—E. C. Griffin, Ben. Reynolds, John Keagey, Jr., John Ware, John Neff, Geo. M. Howell, Robt. Spence, recording steward 2 years, and Isaac Horning. 1844—Geo. Haines, Robt. Lottridge and Henry Hogan. 1845-'46—J. W. Markle, John Morden, Paul L. Ware. 1847—Geo. Leavitt, A. Nash. 1849—Geo. F. Howell, Wm. Boice, R. N. Hopkins, John Hamilton. 1850—James Griffin.

1852—Hugh Moore, B. F. Lazier. D. Morden. 1854-'55—Ed. Lyons, Garrett Howell, A. A. Rosebrugh, H. Howell, John Bawtinheimer, Thos. Hawe, A. Salter. 1856—Geo. Kitchen. Wm. Brown, Brock Rd., Isaac Reid Howell (circuit recording steward from '61 and '63 to 1873). 1859—Moses Morden, Wm. Richards, Nelson Howell. 1862—Henry Bingham. 1864—Wm. Binkley. 1869—Rollin Waugh and D. W. Hopkins. A. Forrest. D. W. Nelson, H. W. Rolph, W. H. Keagey, J. B. Grafton, N. Behimer, W. R. Horning, W. E. Lyons, D. Patterson and Humphrey Dyment, 1897. H. W. Rolph, R. S. from '95 to '97, when W. R. Horning was appointed.

(The record book, covering 20 years, could not be found in time to complete this list.—Compiler.)

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LOCAL PREACHERS.

Licensed from 1843 to date:

1843-44—Isaac L. Howell, W. Campbell, Mark T. Crooker, James K. Griffin, Sherrod C. Gillman, Thos. Newton. 1845—Thos. Flyn. 1847—Peter Howell, John English, A. N. Davis, W. S. Griffin. 1848—B. McKay. 1857—Wm. Smith, Peter Bawtinheimer. 1858—Francis Ware. 1859—Geo. McRae. 1860—Peter Schwartz. 1862—Geo. R. Davidson, Benjamin Clement, James Smith and Moses Maitland Johnstone. 1867—Chas. McCart-ey. 1872—W. A. Edwards. 1874—Falkner, Ed. Chegwin, W. B. Chegwin, Geo. R. Martin, Fred. Kaye, A. E. Galway.

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THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Dundas Methodist Church has at all times been preeminent in missionary work and in its interest in the cause of missions and the propagation of the gospel, and its contributions to the funds, it has for many years occupied a position equalled by few churches in the entire Province. The development of the missionary spirit has in a large degree been brought about by the able efforts of the Dundas Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church in Canada. The local branch was organized on March 4th, 1884, with the following officers: President, Mrs. John B. Keagey; Vice-President, Mrs. R. W. Woodsworth; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Crowe; Secretary, Miss Gussie Burrows; Treasurer, Miss Ellenor Grafton. Membership at the time, 15. Present membership, 67. Mrs. Geo. R. Davidson was President in 1887, also from 1894 to '97. Miss Gussie Burrows was Secretary from 1884 to 1894. Other officers who have been actively connected with the Branch are: Mrs. W. H. Keagey, Mrs. James Ham, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Mrs. W. E. Lyons, Edith Grafton (now Mrs. Dickson), Miss Aikman and Miss Lillian Aikman. Presidents, Mrs. (Dr.) Howard, Mrs. Jas. Ham (for 4 years), Mrs. W. F. Moore.

The Crosby Mission Band, organized in Feb., 1889, largely through the instrumentality of Miss Nellie Ham, who was the first President. Other Presidents were: Miss Patterson, Mrs. Joshua R. Patterson, Miss Annie Chegwin, Miss Mary L. Keagey, Miss Effie D. Keagey, Miss Daisy Cowper, Miss Eva Pennington and others.

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NOTES FROM THE RECORDS AND OTHER SOURCES.

The Ladies' Aid Society flourished for many years, and was disbanded in 1891.

The very handsome pulpit which stands in the church was presented in 1889 by Mr. Geo. Porteous, then foreman of J. H. Bowman & Co.

Rev. Geo. Clark, Stoney Creek, who assisted in laying the corner stone of the Methodist Sunday School in 1897, was employed as bricklayer on the church in 1854.

The church was insured in 1856 for £1,200, premium £9.

The late Geo. R. Davidson, one of the most faithful and zealous members of the church, was licensed as a local preacher each year from 1862 until death. He held the office for a longer period than any man in our church history.

Robert Spence, exhorter in 1843, Circuit Rec. Steward for two years, was editor of Dundas Warder and M. P. for this constitutency for a time. Made Hon. Robt. Spence with Portfolio of Postmaster General, and defeated upon returning to his constituents, he having changed his political views upon acceptance of portfolio above mentioned.

In 1875 J. S. Grafton and E. Lyons appointed a committee to plant trees around present parsonage lot.

Rev. J. H. Hilts, superanuated 1879, located here in 1888. One of the pioneer ministers of the old circuit riders' day. Author of "Experiences of a Backwoods Preacher," "Among the Forest Trees," and "Clothed with the Sun." Born May 4, 1819. Died here.

Two of the most familiar figures in the Methodist church for the past two decades were Mr. and Mrs. William Fortnum, who for a quarter of a century or more officiated as caretakers of the church. Held in kindly remembrance by a host of friends in the church.

Among the many workers who have gone from this district are Rev. John B. Keagey, who was stationed in Grimsby in 1864-'65. Ordained in Bradford. Graduate of Victoria University, B.A., 1864. Son of John Keagey, Jr., of West Flamboro and brother of W. H. Keagey.

Rev. J. B. Meacham, upon concluding his labors here, entered into the missionary work in Japan, where he remained until about a year ago. Now residing in Toronto.

John Ware was one of the greatest workers in early days. Fervent in prayer at all times, he oftimes was heard to appeal for the reviving spirit in these words:

Oh, Lord, stir up the brothers! Oh, Lord, stir up the sisters!

Oh, Lord, stir us all up together!

In 1844 it was decided to rent Mrs. Parker's house for a parsonage, rate \$54 per year. This property is now owned by J. D. Campbell, on Hatt street. Another parsonage was the Haslem property on Ogilvie street, now occupied by Miss Bowman, and the place in which Wm. Hardy resides was also a parsonage. Many unsuccessful efforts were made to build a parsonage in the early days, the officials on several occasions having plans and details ready. Two of the proposed sites were mentioned, viz.: "Mr. Begue's lot, near Bro. Davidson's residence," and the lot opposite the Episcopal church, price £100.

One of the most honored names in local Methodism is that of the late Andrew Forrest, who filled many important positions with ability and Christian faithfulness. A daughter of the deceased, Miss Fanny, is devoting her life to the cause of Christianity in far away China.

Rev. I. B. Howard preached one of the sermons on the day of opening of the present church.

One of the teachers was Miss Mary Clement, who now resides in Hamilton. She had charge of the infant class for many years. Miss King was appointed teacher in 1882 of this class. In 1857 the School had about 100 members, and some of the teachers at

that time were: A. Nash, Geo. R. Davidson, John Ware. Mrs. Everitt appointed teacher in '61. Others were: Miss Adams, Miss Moore, Miss Grafton, Miss Preston, Misses Coleman, Hare, King, Burrows and Chegwin, J. M. Knowles, A. Forrest, Mr. Arnold, S. Burrows, Jas. Smith, Miss S. Millward, Miss Knowles, Mrs. Quackenbush, Mrs. Caldwell, J. Crawford, Geo. Harper, (or Hall), John Lyons, Ed. Fairbanks, C. Wheatfield, Platt Grav. O. Hobson, Miss M. King, Miss Hotchkiss, Miss Marsh, Thomas Mountain, Jacob Schick, Wm. Howe, W. A. Edwards. The above were in office between 1870-'73, and some for many years after. 1874-'75-'76 appears as new teachers: Mr. Mason, Mrs. Keagey, Miss Trewartha, Miss Fanny Moore, Miss Mountain, Mr. Chennick, Mrs. Geo. Crawford, Mary Smith, Miss Lily Grafton, Mr. Hayle, Miss Nellie Grafton, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Charlton, Miss Hopkins, Miss Rowland, 1877-78—Geo. Coote, Geo. Powell, Sarah Howe, Wm. Lyons, Miss Tuck, Alex. Ramsay, Ida Moore, Miss Moss, Jos. Chegwin, Miss Carrie Mountain, Jennie C. Fisher, Mrs. Morden. 1878-'79-Wm. Sturgess, Miss Materhouse (Waterous), Mary Newman, Sarah Lyons, Rodney Nelson, Miss Annie Garry. 1880—Miss Ellen Grafton, J. K. Applegath, Gussie Burrows, Mary Mountain.

For a few years there was a secretary and missionary secretaries. The list of secretaries for the years of long ago were: J. M. Knowles, 1874-'75; Chas. Lawry, 1872 to 1875; John A. Fisher, 1877-'78; O. S. Clarke, 1877 to 1880 (the latter as missionary secretary). Geo. F. Burrows, 1880-'81. In 1880 Ed. W. Knowles was assistant secretary, and one year previous that office was filled by W. E. S. Knowles. Librarians: J. J. Grafton, 1872 and 1873; also from 1874 to 1876; Samuel Howe, 1874; James Baillie, 1877; John Dingle, 1877-'78; W. E. Lyons, 1880-'81. The superintendents about this time were: Geo. F. Burrows, 1871 to '75; Rev. M. Meacham, year of 1875-'76; W. H. Keagey, 1876; Thos. Clarke, 1877 to 1881.

Many readers will remember the building on Ogilvie street, used as an office of the Canada Screw Co., as well as part of their factory. There was a Ladies' College of the Methodist Church established about 1855 in the said building. The principals in charge were: Mr. McGonegal and Miss Adams. It lasted about six years and was then removed to Hamilton. In 1872 another educational institution of the church was established here, namely, a Boys' College, or Institute. It was opened about 1871, and its term of life was about six years. Rev. E. B. Ryckman was in charge. Among the directors and persons officially interested in the college were: Rev. J. B. Keagev. J. B. Grafton. John F. Wood and B. B. Osler. One of the bright boys who studied there was a young fellow by name of Sifton, now Hon. Clifford Sifton, late Minister of the Interior.

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